

VERMONT MATTERS.

Burglars at Work at Bellows Falls.

An organized gang of burglars made a visit to Bellows Falls Friday night, and effected an entrance to the residence of H. W. Thompson, on Lower Terrace. Mr. Thompson was awakened by the noise of some one in the room. He arose to make a search but the thieves were frightened away by his noise, and carried \$5 with them. They also attempted to enter Col. Greene's residence by means of a ladder placed against one of the upper windows, but one of the young ladies of the house, who was awakened by the noise, called her father, who frightened them off. The houses of T. Alexander and James Miller were also entered and \$20 was stolen from the former and \$7 from the latter. There is yet no clue to the perpetrators.

Montpelier's New Opera House.

The new opera house, erected by Mr. Asa Blanchard at the head of State street, Montpelier, gives that village what it has long needed, a spacious and convenient hall for music and the drama. The audience room is 62 feet square and 35 feet high, and has 800 seats, of which 640 are on the main floor, and 160 in the gallery. The stage is 35 feet deep, and is provided with suitable sets of scenery, and there are six dressing rooms. Steam pipes under the floor will furnish heat through openings in the floor. A square dome rises from the center of the ceiling, and the room is lighted by four patent reflectors suspended from the corners of the dome. The gas jets are lighted by electricity. The coasting properties are satisfactory, and the Montpelier people will doubtless get much comfort and pleasure out of the open house. It was opened on Monday evening by a dramatic company.

Burglar Captured at North Royalton.

H. P. Gifford, merchant of North Royalton, had a desperate encounter with a burglar in his house Thursday. The burglar fired one shot which wounded Gifford but the latter overpowered the thief and help being summoned he was captured. He was well armed and had \$200 on his person. A bag containing watches and jewelry was found near the house. The burglar gave his name as Jackson Smith of New York.

Burglaries at Brattleboro.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' exchange or Grange store, and Thurber's bakery at Brattleboro were burglarized Saturday night or early yesterday morning. In the former the safe was drilled and forced and completely ransacked. The burglars secured between \$25 and \$300 in cash. At the bakery the safe was robbed of \$70. Though one watchman was on duty all night he reports having seen no suspicious characters.

Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Black River Academy.

The semi-centennial of the Black River academy closed Wednesday with a concert. The exercises began Tuesday evening with an address of welcome by Hon. W. H. Walker of Ludlow. An historical address was delivered by Captain H. B. Atherton of Nashua, N. H., and a poem was read by Rev. Homer White of Randolph. Music was furnished by the Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington. On Wednesday morning the exercises were held in the grove. They consisted of an oration by Arthur Little, D. D. of Chicago, Illinois, and a poem by Edwin Blood of Newburyport, Mass. The alumni banquet was held at one o'clock in the Hammond hall at which plates for 300 were laid. Hon. E. R. Clark of Brattleboro was toast master. Responses to toasts were made by Hon. Redfield Proctor, Proctorville, Vt.; Hon. A. W. Beard, Boston; Hon. D. D. H. Hiram Hitchcock, New York; Hon. H. M. Pollard, St. Louis, Mo.; George W. Gardner, D. D. Winchester; John C. Greene, Mechanicville, N. Y.; Thatcher B. Dunn, Gardner, Mass.; S. A. Griffin, Burlington; Charles G. Farwell, Providence, R. I. and others.

Eloped with His Employer's Money.

Frank Wilbur decamped Friday with the contents of the till of the grocery establishment of Charles Deard, at Poultney, Nt. Thursday Deard engaged him to attend stock while he went to Lake St. Catherine fishing. Soon after the departure of Deard, Wilbur began the collection of bills, stating to each person that he had bought out Deard and that bills must be settled, collecting in this manner quite a sum. Deard, not returning until after the store had closed, did not meet Wilbur, nor was anything wrong suspected until Wilbur not appearing, an investigation was made. During the same day he borrowed a sum of money from his former employer and leaves many unsettled bills.

Universalist Convention at Bellows Falls.

The Universalist convention at Bellows Falls opened Wednesday's session with a conference and prayer meeting at 8 a. m., followed by communion service. A 10 reports of the secretary and treasurer for the past year were presented, showing that to have been the most prosperous year in the society's history. About fifty percent more cash was received and distributed than ever before and the missionary collections amounted to over \$1500. Three new parishes were organized during the year and there was great success in the special work at Rutland. At 3 p. m. there was a general business meeting of the convention followed by an address upon "Our Schools" by Dr. I. M. Atwood, president of the Canton Theological seminary and Prof. Dana, principal of Goddard seminary. The annual meeting of the Vermont Centenary association was addressed by Mrs. L. M. Smiley, vice-president for Vermont. Rev. Myra Kingsbury and Mrs. R. D. Pratt, in the evening there were three powerful addresses by Rev. S. A. Parker on "The Power of Universalism," by Rev. E. W. Whitney on "The Works of the Universalist parish," and by Rev. G. W. Perry on "The Responsibilities of Individual Universalism." The present session of the convention is said to be the largest ever held. Among those present from out of the State were Dr. G. L. Dewardest of Manchester, N. H., secretary of the general convention; Dr. G. H. Emerson of Boston, editor of the Leader; Dr. G. S. Weaver of Canton, N. Y., and Rev. J. J. Lewis of South Boston.

Universalist Church Convention at Bellows Falls.

The Fifty-second annual convention of the Universalist churches of Vermont and Province of Quebec opened at Bellows Falls Tuesday, and was largely attended. The convention was called to order by Hon. A. T. Foster of Derby Line and was fully organized for work at 7 o'clock p. m. The address of welcome was delivered by

J. N. Emery, resident pastor, followed by a sermon by Rev. J. M. Atwood, D. D., president.

The Caledonia Fair Special Prize.

At the Caledonia fair to be held at St. Johnsbury, September 15 to 18, a special prize of \$100 for the best head of thoroughbred cattle is offered by the Passumpsic railroad besides a gold medal by the society. Several noted herds have already been entered. The amount of premiums offered has been nearly double this year and indications are that it will be the best exhibit ever given here.

Crushed Between the Cars.

Luther Russell, station agent at North Concord on the Boston and Lowell railroad, Vermont division, was crushed between the cars Wednesday while coupling several rails were broken.

Bristol.

S. P. Wood and wife of Schenectady, N. Y., Dr. J. W. Moon and Tom Moon of Colchester, N. Y., and Philip Dorion, Troy, N. Y., have arrived in town and taken rooms at Ridley's for the season. W. A. Lawrence and wife are camping at the lake this week. Wm. H. Miller and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pratt of Cambridge, Mass., are in town visiting friends. R. E. Allen, C. E. Thompson, Arthur Bristol and brother, with three or four of their friends, are camping at Lake George. Our Ames, editor of the Malone, (N. Y.) Palladium, was in town last Saturday, on a visit to his relatives and friends. H. A. Bates of Waterbury, was in town Tuesday, on a short visit to friends. Dr. J. W. Moon, of Colchester, N. Y., is in town Tuesday, on a short visit to friends. Chas. Abernathy is getting the material ready for a new house; also T. S. Drake is preparing material for a new house. There are twenty-six summer boarders in town, registered at Ridley's. S. M. Jones sold his Miller farm to Henry Lavan and Willie Labombard of Monkton. A large number of our citizens are in attendance at the Spring Grove campmeeting. It is reported that the boarders at Ridley's are getting up an entertainment for the benefit of our local ministers, to be held in Holy hall, some evening next week. A vocalist from Burlington has been engaged. The one-mile race at the rink Saturday evening, which was won by Ed. Hinesburgh and Wm. Chase of this place, resulted in favor of Chase. Ray has challenged Chase to skate him in the Hinesburgh rink Saturday evening of this week. The Bristol Corned band went to Monkton last Thursday evening and gave a concert. L. Beers and family a serenade. All who were present had a most enjoyable time. Refreshments of the best were served. The summer boarders of the Bristol house give an entertainment in Holy hall Tuesday evening, Aug. 25. Fabreux's vocal and instrumental music will be presented. The proceeds are for the benefit of a worthy local object. G. B. Bates of New York city arrived in town Saturday evening, the guest of J. J. Rolley.

Cornwall.

Mrs. Aelsa Sampson, widow of the late Deacon Elphale Sampson of Weybridge, died at the residence of her son Curtis, at Cornwall, N. Y., Aug. 19, at the age of seventy years. She had been in poor health for more than a year, and for the last two months had been confined to her bed, and suffered much from heart trouble. She leaves two daughters, one son and a son-in-law. Her funeral was attended from the Congregational church in Weybridge on Friday, Rev. M. C. Stephens of Cornwall officiating. E. R. Towle of Franklin, member of the State Board of Agriculture, is in town spending a few days at Judge Henry Lane's. Mrs. Benedict, widow of the late Capt. Adolphus Benedict of Crown Point, N. Y., has been in town this week, a guest of Mrs. Juliette Henshaw. A quantity of grain that had been cut was much damaged, and some entirely ruined by the heavy rains of last week. The crop of oats and barley will be very large and of fine quality. Mrs. S. G. Cooke and daughter, Knoxville, Tenn., are guests at G. L. Lane's.

St. Johnsbury.

Miss Mabel, daughter of Col. Wm. P. Feltch, spending a few weeks in Cabot with the family of R. H. Rogers. Miss Martha Ross is visiting friends in Coventry, Vt. The St. Johnsbury band gave an outdoor concert from the band stand on the Railroad street park next Tuesday evening. Rev. F. B. Phelps of Ewing, Mass., is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. Phelps was formerly pastor of the church at East St. Johnsbury. C. H. Morrison, who has been visiting friends in this place for two weeks, has returned to Farmington, P. Q., where he is employed in the shops of the South Eastern railway. John F. Ritchie has purchased the Edward Underwood place on Spring St., and is moving his family in. This week the directors of the Y. M. C. A. have secured Mr. Charles Page as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this place, and it is expected that he will enter upon his duties in this capacity about August 27. Mr. Page has been a very successful secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Newburyport for about a year past. Miss Helen L. Brown, is visiting in Portsmouth, N. H., with Hon. J. B. Redington's family. An alarm was sounded from box 41 Friday morning at 8:30, which broke out in the kitchen of Geo. M. Howe's house on North Main St. It was extinguished before the fire companies responded and no great damage was done. John C. Clark, assistant cashier of the National bank at St. Johnsbury, has returned to Boston after their fortnight's sojourn here. This is the second lot sent to Chelsea, this summer. Chelsea concert band gave a promenade concert, Thursday evening. Their former leader John C. Clarke, once cashier of the First National bank of Chelsea, and now acting cashier of the First National bank of St. Johnsbury, was in attendance and played. Rev. Wm. H. Davis of Detroit, Michigan, who is spending his vacation at his old Chelsea home, with his wife went to Middlebury Tuesday, returning Saturday. W. E. Hazen, formerly teller of the Merchants' National bank at Burlington, afterward cashier of the Merchants' National bank at St. Johnsbury, but now of the Des Moines Iowa National bank, arrived at Orange County hotel, Friday night. Of Chelsea's town representatives but four are

now alive. Wm. F. Dickinson, 1890-41, now living in Aurora, Illinois; L. G. Huckleby, 72, 63, 68, 70, and 80; Asa Goodwin, 1874 and A. W. Whitney, 1878.

West Fairies.

There was a good deal of excitement in this place over a chancery suit of P. S. Smith of Washington, D. C., and Daniel E. Colby of New London, N. H., against the Vermont Copper Mining company. Smith claims that the company has done damage done to vegetation by the smelting furnace at the mines in Vershire. Nearly all the farms in the vicinity of the mines have been ruined by the smoke. The case was heard before Judge S. D. May, Miller, Portland and Hon. R. W. Harvey of Topsham, referee. George W. Kennedy of Waterbury appeared for the orators, and ex-Governor Farnham of Bradford for the defendants.

Morrisville.

The thirteenth annual fair of the Lamotte Valley Fair Ground company is to be held on their grounds here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, being held on three days instead of two this year. Five hundred and fifteen dollars are announced in purses: Three times class, \$80, divided \$40, \$20, \$12, \$8; 4th class, \$100, divided \$50, \$25, \$15, \$10; open to all, \$150 divided, \$75, \$40, \$20, \$15. Horses eligible from September 1. Reputation station purse, \$50, divided \$20, \$10, \$5; confined to horses owned within the limits of the society, since May 1, 1884. A large number of premiums are offered in all the usual departments. Music will be furnished by the Morrisville cornet band. The fall term of the village schools opens on Wednesday, September 22. A number of the friends of Miss Alice and Mr. George Bushee, spent Friday afternoon and evening very pleasantly at their home. Rev. Frank E. Hensley delivered an address before the Masonic lodge at Waterbury Friday. The singing in connection with the camp meetings just closed was unusually good. Dr. Bolton of Boston who has attended some fifty or more campmeetings in different parts of the country, says that the singing here was the best that he had heard.

Mrs. Charles H. Pratt, formerly of this place and better known as Miss Kate Cole, died at the residence of her son, Tuesday, August 26, at the age of 72. She was born in the town of Chateaufort, France, and came to this country with her parents when she was a child. She was a member of the Baptist church, and was a devoted Christian. She was married to Mr. Charles H. Pratt, who was a prominent citizen of this place. She was a mother of several children, and was a devoted mother and wife. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, August 27, at the residence of her son, and was attended by a large number of friends. She was buried in the cemetery at Waterbury.

Montpelier.

J. M. Jackson of Barre came very near being the victim of a bank game last week. He was about to pay the \$2000 note when he was apprised of the danger. The men escaped the police and have not been seen since. The game was played at the residence of Charles Dewey, president of the National Insurance company, and family returned from the sea shore, Saturday. Blanchard's opera house was opened Monday night, with a performance by the troupe of Charles Dewey, and was much enjoyed by the audience and the praises of the beautiful hall were on every tongue. The opening was in every respect auspicious. Company H's detail left for St. Albans Saturday. The company went Tuesday morning.

New Haven.

Mrs. Joseph Purmort of Fairfax is for a few days, the guest of Julia Langdon of Lisbon, N. H., where she has resided since her marriage. The Cottage hotel, West Randolph, formerly owned by her late husband, H. S. Langdon, is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mrs. M. J. Marshall of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting in Japan, and sister of Mr. H. R. Borrowes of this town, is en route for home, being now with a sister in California. Miss Emma J. Holley of North Ferrisburgh is the guest of Deacon Sylvester of this town for a few days. The proposed reunion of the present and former legislatures at Montpelier suggests the looking over of the roll of representatives from this town. The following list of representatives from this town is given: Oliver Smith, Sylvester Doud, Julius L. Eldridge, William P. Nash, Loyal W. Stowe, Henry O. Gifford, Henry C. Hunt, Ezra C. Smith, Dorastus W. Nash, Edson A. Doud, Henry C. Roscoe, Frank T. Nash, and John W. Stowe. Stowe three years county commissioner, Oliver Smith assistant judge and Edson A. Doud is present incumbent of the latter office. All remain in town except Henry O. Gifford of Russell, Kansas, and Julius L. Eldridge, who resides with his son, Hon. L. D. Eldridge of Middlebury. Miss Nellie E. Mason is away on a visit to friends in Massachusetts. Rev. C. S. Sargent preached in Cornwall on Sunday in exchange with Rev. M. C. Stephens, who delivered an excellent sermon from 1st Kings xix:32. Miss Sarah H. Farnsworth of Fairfax is spending a short time with her uncle, Judge E. A. Doud. The apple crop in this locality will be rather good, but the yield is not abundant. Mr. Elias Bottum and wife of Milwaukee, Wis., and Prof. Hall and wife of Cambridge, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Mary Bottum's. The Congregational church has by special vote raised something over \$25 to be sent to the Indian missions in Dakota, in care of Charles W. Shelton, secretary of the A. M. A. The Sunday-school voted to assume the balance of the above amount to make it a total of \$50.

West Ferrisburgh.

Mrs. Francis Warner Durand of Mass., is visiting relatives and the associates of early life here. Ira Blakely has purchased Henry Warner's house and one acre of land for the sum of \$500. Mr. Blakely and wife have recently returned from a year's visit at her father's in Kansas. The Methodist Sunday-school are to take a picnic excursion to Fort Ticonderoga, Monday, September 1st. The excursion is being organized by the usual quota from this town as usual. Rev. X. H. Towles was called home last week by the sickness of his father and mother and

on Sunday evening preached at the Methodist church from Jeremiah 6th chapter the first part of the first verse. It is unnecessary to say that the house was crowded as Xury was always a general favorite at home and he did not disappoint them this time.

Middlebury.

Frank Nisun was arraigned before Justice Albert Chapman Tuesday morning on a charge of assault and battery alleged to have been committed Saturday evening last, upon one Henry McMaster, the proprietor of the affair, in which McMaster received a pretty sound thrashing. It is said to have been a gross insult offered by McMaster to Mrs. Nisun. The respondent was put upon his own recognizance, which was set for Sept. 5. A good many of the best people in town think Mr. Nisun did nothing more than he ought to have done under the circumstances. The committee on arrangements wish to have the Fall Press announce that there will be a reunion of company A of the Sixth Regiment of Vermont volunteers in connection with the meeting of the Adirondack county Grand Army Posts at Weybridge, August 27 and 28. Messrs. A. B. Colby, George McCuen, Frank Nisun and Fred Brunelle have and off some of the caterers to be at the coming New York State fair, which is to be held in Albany. Mr. Julius N. Mallory, lately principal of the Brandon graded school, is in town with Mrs. Mallory and the children.

Isle La Motte.

Harvesting is nearly through with, excepting fall crops. M. S. Bowman has been dangerously sick the past week. A new carpet has been put in the Methodist church. There was a game of base ball played at the Corners, Saturday, between the "Farmers" of Albion Centre and a "picked up nine" of this place. The score stood 10 to 1 in favor of the Corners. The island boys expect to return the game next Saturday, at Albion Centre. Farmers are getting well advanced in their harvesting. Messrs. Seymour, Pike and Luman Holcomb made a tour through the island villages last week. At a family gathering the other day at Mr. Dyer Hills, five generations of relatives were represented from the aged great-grandfather to the small infant of a few months of age. Mr. Henry W. Hill and wife of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly of this place, are visiting relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith of Swanton are the guests of Dyer Hills, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pratt, formerly of this place, are visiting at the residence of Mr. Pratt. The Sabbath school excursion on the steamer Reindeer to Queen City park last Thursday was largely attended. All join in saying they had a good time.

The St. Johnsbury academy opens with 250 students.

Lake Bomoseen is said to be higher than has been known for years. There will be a reunion of Co. I, 11th Vermont Volunteers, at S. H. Foster's Grove, North Calais, Sept. 7. There was a frost in the vicinity of Waterbury Tuesday night, but the heavy fog prevented any damage thereby.

The reunion of company A, 6th Vermont regiment is being held at the G. A. H. encampment at Weybridge. A cornet band with twelve members has lately been organized at Fairhaven. Elmer Reynolds, formerly of Rutland, is to be the leader.

Lightning struck Anna Brown's barn at Springfield last Friday night during a thunder storm and burned it. Loss about \$500.

Rev. M. L. Severance principal of Burr and Burton seminary, and his wife, now in Europe, will sail from Liverpool on the Germania Aug. 27. The thermometer at Rutland last evening registered 53 above. There was some frost and a heavy fall on the mountains yesterday morning.

A Burton woman, who had been entertaining her company for some time with talk, asked to be excused, temporarily, that she might retire to another room "to rest her tongue."

E. H. Paltree, one of the selectmen of Richmond, fell from his chair while eating dinner Sunday, and died almost instantly. The cause of death was apoplexy. Deceased was 50 years old.

Hon. William M. Everts, on Friday of last week, in company with L. H. Canfield of Arlington, visited under the ruins of the old place of his father, the distinguished Jeremiah Everts. It is said to have been his first visit.

Rutland county clergymen have engaged A. L. Parsons of Lowell to do missionary work through the county, especially on the back hills where there is great need of religious work.

Rev. L. L. Beeman has decided to decline his recent offer of a college presidency at the West, and continue in his present appointment of pastor of the Methodist society in St. Johnsbury.

A three weeks loss of time and hundreds of dollars damage were caused Tuesday by thousands of tons of earth sliding in the pit of the Union soap stone quarry at Chester, filling it completely up.

Robert Moulthrop, one of the best known and most highly respected of Rutland's farmers, is dead. He had suffered a long illness for several years, and had been confined to the house for six weeks, and died at about two o'clock Monday afternoon.

The Shaftsbury association begins its annual session at Brandon to-day. The meeting will continue to-morrow and will be followed by the centennial celebration of the Brandon Baptist church, at which Dr. Thomas who was pastor of the church for forty years will deliver the address.

Officer Durkee of Pittsfield, took Frank and May Townsend, thief and sister of a convicted burglar, to the workhouse Thursday, committed for burglary, in default of \$300. They are charged with breaking into the line Lewis's house in Pittsfield Sunday morning and stealing \$25.

A man by the name of Dollot, living in East Charleston, recently put Paris green on his potatoes, using a sprinkler which leaked a little, so that his pants became saturated with water about the ankle. A few days afterwards his legs began to swell and he has since been very sick with symptoms of arsenical poisoning.

At the special town meeting held at Brandon Monday afternoon to see if the town would rescind the vote and action of the meeting held July 7, directing that the soldiers' monument be erected in the triangle in the junction of Park and Franklin streets in front of E. J. Ormsbee's house, the town refused to rescind. This was the second meeting that has been called for the same purpose and both have failed to rescind the action of the meeting of July 7.

NATIONAL GUARD OF VERMONT.

Opening of the Annual Muster.

St. ALBANS, Aug. 25.—The Annual muster of the First Regiment National Guard of Vermont began here to-day and will continue through the week. The camp was fully established this afternoon. It is located on the Thorpe meadow, so-called, at the head of Upper Weldon street, which is an exceedingly pleasant location, affording a fine view of the village and the lake, and giving ample opportunity for the execution of all the military manoeuvres necessary during the annual drill of the troops. On Saturday the work of preparation began, and by this afternoon the quarters were all in readiness for the reception of the troops, who did not begin to arrive until to-day. Col. Greenleaf and staff have arrived and also all of the companies of the regiment, the last two arriving this evening. Most of the day was consumed in receiving the troops and arranging quarters. The first military ceremonies occurring this evening consisted of guard mounting and dress parade. The Vermont National Guard consists of one regiment of infantry (ten companies of fifty-one officers and men), having in addition regimental surgeon, assistant surgeon, chaplain, commissary, inspector and provost marshal, commissary sergeant, ordnance sergeant and hospital steward. The maximum strength of the First Regiment is 520 officers and men. The several companies are organized as follows: Company C, Brandon, Sprague Guards; Company E, Brattleboro, Estey Guards; Company F, Northfield, New England Guards; Company G, Brattleboro, Sprague Guards; Company H, Bennington, Brattleboro Guards; Company D, St. Johnsbury, St. Johnsbury Guards; Company A, Rutland, Kingsley Guards; Company B, St. Albans, Barlow Guards; Company I, Montpelier, Capital Guards; first separate company, Grand Guards.

Company E of Burlington having been recently mustered out at the expiration of their term of service, the First Separate Company—fourth Guards of Newport—will temporarily fill the vacancy. The First Light Battery of Brattleboro has been assigned to duty with the regiment at muster, and it will be encamped on the right of the First regiment. The battery consists of eighty officers and men and fifty horses. It is provided with forty twelve-pound Napoleons. The battery is under the command of Col. Levi K. Fuller and is a separate and independent organization. Much time and money has been expended on the command by Col. Fuller, and he is entitled to much credit for the efficient condition of the battery.

Only routine camp manoeuvres will take place to-morrow, but on Thursday Gov. Pingree and staff will review the militia and a sham fight will occur after the review.

Second Day's Exercises at Camp Gov. Pingree—Arrangement of the Camp—The Governor's Arrival—His Reception.

ST. ALBANS, Aug. 26.—The cold weather interfered somewhat with visitors to camp Gov. Pingree to-day and the troops "off duty" were glad to don their overcoats. Nothing of special interest occurred outside of the regular exercises. The work of the day was of a routine sort, and the various features of the drill were gone through with as they have been year after year. Captain Munton, of the Newport company, served as officer-of-the-day. The first ceremony was that of guard mounting at 8:30 a. m. Adjutant Greene having charge of the drill. At 10 a. m. occurred the battalion drill, the troops being commanded by Col. Greenleaf, with Lieut. Col. Estey and Major Kinsman supporting. This manoeuvre was a very interesting one, and taken in connection with the "boots and saddle" manoeuvre of Fuller's battery, gave the visitors plenty to look at and comment upon. The battalion drill and the dress parade were also main features of the afternoon's work.

The details were as follows: Captain E. R. Morse of Rutland, officer of the day; Lieut. C. W. Carr of Brandon, commander of the guard; Lieut. J. D. Grant of St. Johnsbury, lieutenant of the guard; Lieut. Col. Julius J. Estey of Brattleboro, in charge of the guard during muster. The guard detail consisted of forty-eight men.

The Newport, St. Johnsbury, Brattleboro, Rutland, Brandon, Bennington, Montpelier and Northfield companies, and the Fuller Battery have large mess tents and bring their own caterers. The St. Albans and Bradford companies and the field and staff are catered for by L. S. Drew of Burlington.

The companies are arranged by streets, in the following order: Estey Guard, Kingsley Guard, Park Guard, Graft Guard, Barlow Guards, New England Guards, Capital Guards, Brattleboro Guards, St. Johnsbury Guards, Sprague Guards. The company streets are clean and sleek, and most of them are duly "labeled," some of the "guide-boards" being particularly tasty.

The tents belong to the State and have been in use since 1877. One wall tent is allowed to each four men. Fuel and straw are provided by the State, but companies provide their own food. The State also provides the United States army blue overcoat, blankets, Springfield breech loading rifles, and field accoutrements of the United States army standard. The clothing, except to the value of \$13, is owned by the companies. The dress uniform is cadet gray, with black and gilt trimmings. All the companies have dress caps, white trousers and white cross-belts. The State pays the men \$2 per day for the muster.

Newspaper Change.

The Vermont Christian Messenger, published at Northfield by Rev. J. B. Bartlett, has been sold to Mr. Charles C. Morse of Swanton, formerly editor of the Lamotte Valley Register, which was merged in the News and Citizen. Mr. Morse has recently been removed from his position as railway postal clerk. It is not decided whether or not the office will be moved from Northfield.

Small Pox in Montpelier.

MONTPELIER, Aug. 25.—There were nineteen deaths from small pox here yesterday, being the largest number recorded since the outbreak of the disease. Of fifty-six patients in the hospital, forty-nine are progressing favorably. A large number of cases are found to exist in St. Jean Baptiste village, a suburb of the city. The undertaker buried six persons from Saturday night to Sunday morning. None of the houses which have been visited by the disease have been placarded. Twenty-five deaths from small pox have occurred in this village.

TUESDAY'S REGATTA.

The Yacht Race Partly Finished and Postponed—The Rowing Races.

There was but one thing lacking to make the sailing regatta, Tuesday, a great success. This one thing, however, was wind, and for lack of it the race was not finished. Five yachts were entered, the Sharpie, Sandy, Mystic, Gypsy and Lulu, and as they moved about the bay waiting for the signal with their white sails and clean hulls they formed as beautiful a picture as one could wish to see. The breeze was light at the start, but at the signal, the yachts got away before the wind in fine style, with every stitch of canvas set; and inside of thirty-five seconds the last one had crossed the line. The run to the south, though not fast, was very exciting to the friends of the yachtsmen on board the Republic, first one yacht and then another gaining an advantage.

From the end of the race to Rock Dunder the fleet strung along, the Lulu retaining her lead from the beginning, and the Gypsy remaining in the rear, while the relative positions of the intermediate yachts were constantly changing. By coming about at a fortunate time the Mystic rounded the Juniper Reef buoy and took the lead from the Lulu. After rounding the buoy, however, what little wind there was, died out almost entirely, and the judges, seeing that the course could not be made in four hours, the prescribed time, declared the race off, and the yachts were placed in tow behind the Republic, much to the regret of all. The Mystic held the advantage when the yachts were picked up, leading the fleet by a considerable distance.

At a meeting of the club last night, it was decided to sail the race again this morning at 9 o'clock, sharp, according to the same regulations and conditions as heretofore. A new entry, the Zephyr, will enter the race this morning.

The Rowing Races.

The rowing regatta, which took place at 6:15, after the return of the yachts, was well contested and completely successful. The course was a pretty long one for such heavy boats, but all made good time, nevertheless. The following crews came to time for the double scull: Harry Shambo and Joseph Butler, Charles Monte and George McManey, Hugh McManey and J. McManey, Charles Hughes and George Kelley, James Robear and Henry Arcand. The first prize of ten dollars, was taken after hard work, by Shambo and Butler; the second, five dollars, was won by McManey and McManey. The last race would, undoubtedly, have taken the first money, if they had not lost an oar at the start. In the single scull race there were but two competitors, H. Shambo and C. Hughes. The first money, seven dollars, was taken by Shambo, and the second, three dollars, by Hughes. In the scow race there were four contestants, C. Hughes, H. Arcand, H. Shambo and J. Robear. The first prize of three dollars was won by Robear, and Shambo took the second, two dollars.

The Postponed Sailing Regatta the most Satisfactory Yet Held—Favorable Wind and Weather.

The wind that was lacking for the yacht race Tuesday was on hand in good quantity Wednesday forenoon and rendered the regatta without doubt the fastest and most exciting held here this season. The sailing weather was perfect and the yacht race away in as the shape as on Tuesday, though a little more stragglingly, the Zephyr not crossing the line until about five minutes after the rest of the fleet. The following is the table of actual sailing times:

Name	Start	Finish	Elapsed Time
Sharpie	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15
Gypsy	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15
Mystic	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15
Sandy	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15
Lulu	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15
Zephyr	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15

The Lulu retained, to the end of the race, the long lead which she obtained at the start, and showed herself to be a remarkably fast boat. On the stretch from the Juniper Reef buoy to the buoy near Appleton shoal, she greatly increased her lead on account of her ability to sail much closer to the wind than a sloop-rigged yacht to which class all her competitors belonged. The race afforded considerable interest, and the close run, saw the Lulu which reached the home line several minutes ahead, the fleet came in all in a bunch with but little open water between them. Following is the table of allowances and corrected time.

Name	Start	Finish	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
Sharpie	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15	2:07:25
Gypsy	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15	2:07:25
Mystic	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15	2:07:25
Sandy	9:21:10	11:01:25	2:10:15	2:07:25
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It will be seen that the cup goes to the Lulu, but in order to hold it permanently she will have to win two additional races. The Sharpie has also won a cup once. Owing to some misunderstanding the money prize was not presented as announced. The judges were W. H. Root, C. B. Gray and Frank Brown, the last named taking the place of Sheriff Barton, who was unable to be present. The Lulu's studding sail was injured, so as to be useless and the Sandy's balloon jib was torn, otherwise the regatta was without mishap of any kind. Yesterday's race but added to the interest and the owners of the various yachts are considering improvements for their crafts preparatory to the next contest.

Meeting of the Burlington Improvement Company.

The subscribers to the agreement to take capital stock in the Burlington Improvement company met at Opera House last Thursday, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the formal organization of the company. The meeting was called to order by Edward Wells, C. W. Washhouse was elected chairman and L. G. Burroughs secretary. It was moved and carried that the chair be given power to appoint a committee, consisting of five members of the company, whose duty it will be to prepare articles of association for the permanent organization of the company. The chair appointed the following committee: A. E. Richardson, C. A. Hubbard, W. A. Crombie, Robert Roberts, K. B. Walker. No further business being possible until the organization be made permanent, an adjournment was called Thursday evening, Aug. 27, at the Opera House hall, at 8 o'clock.